

KBBC Video Conference Quarterly Meeting October 8, 2013 9:30 AM EST to 11:00 AM EST

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office / Frankfort	Randy Thomas (KBBC), Greg Rawlings (FHWA), Lynn Soporowski (KYTC), and Carol Brent (KYTC)
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 3 Office / Bowling Green	Jeff Moore (KYTC) (taking notes for Helen Siewers)
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 Office / Covington	Jason Ramler (KBBC)
Stites and Harbison Office / Lexington	Bill Gorton (KBBC Chairperson)
Green River Area Development District Office / Owensboro	Schley Cox (KBBC)

AGENDA:

- Introductions and greetings (Bill)
- Review of previous meeting notes (Bill)
- Treasurers report (Katie emailed to all – no action taken)
- Review of 2013 KBBC Conference agenda (Jason/Bill/Randy)
- Final logistics for the Dawkins Line bike ride on Saturday (Schley)
- Update/change the KBBC web site. (Bill)
- Review of the recent “Improving Bicycle Safety in Lexington” event moderated by Sam Dick in Lexington. (Randy/Bill)
- The updated Paula Nye Brochures and applications. (Lynn/Carol)
- Review of most recent bicycle regulation updates and actions to follow. (Jason/Bill)
- Bill Gorton opened the meeting at 9:30 am with compliments to Troy on his being the nucleus of bicycling activity and coordinating the Nye grant program. Bill also noted that the Facebook page is being used and there is talk in the bicycling community of the amount of activity taking place.
- Randy read from Troy’s emails that nine Nye grant applications have been received to date: Clark County Health Department, Boyd County Health Department, Rockcastle County, Campbellsville Trail Town, Downtown Lexington and four from Louisville Metro. Bill had hoped that after the Bike Summit, there would have been more applications, and he had especially hoped that there would be applications from

western Kentucky and eastern Kentucky. He feels that indicates that the commissioners are still not getting the word out to new or different communities.

- Lynn provided information from Katie's Treasurer's Report stating that there had been \$75,710.99 received from the Share the Road license. Bill was pleasantly surprised that receipts continue to be similar amounts, indicating that people continue to support the license program. A total of \$98,892.59 is available for Nye grants.
- Conference:
 - General
 - Jason will work on the agenda, assigning times to each presentation.
 - Twenty (20) people have "joined" the event on the KBBC Facebook page.
 - Lunch will probably be the Park's buffet lunch. Jason will contact Parks to see if there could be any sponsorship opportunity there.
 - Outreach to local media: Lynn said that if KBBC would prepare a press release, KYTC Public Affairs would release it to the newspapers. The local bike shop could post it as well. Jason agreed to provide that by Tuesday, October 15th.
 - Schley is working with the Prestonsburg bike shop owner on the Saturday afternoon ride. Since it is getting dark early in the evening, the ride has been changed from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. Schley has a commitment for a 15-person van and his 5-person vehicle to transport people to the ride. Participants will need to contact the bike shop owner to reserve bicycles. Contact information will be on the conference registration web page and on the email listserv invitation.
 - Bill indicated that Elaine Wilson of Adventure Tourism is working with the Governor's Office to invite the First Lady to speak about the Dawkins Line. Schley asks that she be requested to bring her bicycle and ride with the group on Saturday afternoon. Bill will call the Governor's Office to confirm the First Lady's attendance.
 - Bill wants the conference to be a motivator for the eastern Kentucky areas (like Floyd and Pike counties) that currently have little bicycling activity. He wants local Judge/Executives and development officials to attend and hopes the First Lady's presence will encourage their attendance.
 - Troy will send an email to the listserv with the details of the conference by the end of the week of October 14th.
 - Lynn will have the registration site for the conference set up online. It should be available the week of October 14th.
 - Thursday afternoon:
 - Bill cannot be at the conference Thursday afternoon so someone else will need to chair that session.
 - Thursday afternoon's activities would be working sessions. Jason is concerned that attendees would decide it was not worth coming on Thursday.
 - For the US Bike Route System workshop, Jason has invited Bruce Day and David Shumaker of Tennessee who prepared, submitted, and got approved the USBR 23 application. They have not yet confirmed their attendance. Kerry Irons of Adventure Cycling has agreed to participate by phone. Lynn will verify with the Park whether that is possible. Jason wants to work with people who would be willing to help with the designation process for the US Bike Routes. He would provide information about the process and who is responsible for the various tasks.

- Lynn is very interested in the group working together on the League of American Bicyclists application. Jason agreed, saying that the LAB provided several measurable steps that could be taken to improve the state's ranking of 47.
- Friday sessions:
 - Bill requests that Troy open Friday's session with a short introduction of himself and his activities and zeal for bicycling and trails. He could also discuss his interaction with other KYTC groups, including Design and Maintenance, especially with regard to restriping projects. Troy and Randy are also scheduled to discuss bike/ped master plans so could make a presentation of a total of an hour.
 - Bill asked Randy to check with LRC or Elaine Wilson as to whether there were any legislators involved with the Dawkins project who would like to speak at the conference.
 - Bill noted that he was impressed with the media report of bicycling activities in Greenup County that Melanie had provided via email and that resulted directly from the work that Melanie has done in the area. Jason, with Randy's assistance, will contact Melanie to see if someone could speak about that at the conference.
 - Randy noted that London has a lot of bicycle activity with the Redbud Ride and this weekend's Thriller Ride. Randy will call Ron Hendrickson to speak at the conference.
 - Randy suggested that there is no concerted advocacy in the state urging local politicians and businesses to be interested in having bicyclists in their communities. His wife, Pam Thomas, did a presentation at the safety meeting in Lexington and could present on how to advocate for cycling.
 - For the Friday session, Bill envisions presentations from the First Lady on the Dawkins Trail, followed by other presentations showing activities/successes in Greenup County and London. The advocacy presentation would show cyclists how to grab onto cycling and promote it in their own communities.
 - A presentation by Bill on Paula Nye grants has been scheduled but there may not be enough time. Leave it on the agenda as a placeholder if time is available.
- Improving Bicycle Safety in Lexington
 - Presented by Sam Dick who was injured in a bicycle accident earlier this summer. Presenters included Sam, Scott Thompson (bike/ped coordinator for LFUCG), Pam Thomas (Bluegrass Cycling Club), Howard Florence (Lexington Police officer) and Shane Tedder (UK sustainability coordinator).
 - There were about 70 to 80 participants, generally like-minded people interested in cycling. There was talk about the need for education for cyclists on practices such as stopping at stop signs and signals and which lane to be in to make a turn. The discussion generally focused on bike lanes, how to make the area more bicycle friendly and that cyclists are traffic and have a right to be on the roads.
 - Sam posted on WKYT web page and on the Bike Lexington web page information about the event and requesting public comment. Randy noted that some of the comments on the WKYT page got ugly, with people saying cyclists should get off the road or use the Legacy Trail and not the roadways.
 - Schley inquired whether there was any discussion of who the "cyclists" are because the term can be used for anyone from 10-year-olds on their BMX bikes to 50-year-olds bicycle commuting to work. Randy indicated that there was no such discussion.
 - Bill suggested that Sam Dick be invited speak at the conference.
- Lynn has no info on the updated Paula Nye brochures and application forms. Bill wants this placed on the agenda for the KBBC Saturday working meeting.

- Review of the most recent bicycle regulation updates and actions to follow:
 - Bill complimented Ann D'Angelo (KYTC attorney) on her guidance and assistance with the KBBC-drafted safety equipment regulation.
 - Jason noted that Ann had suggested that she might get the regulation submitted in November. She had indicated that addressing public comments could slow down the adoption process. After discussion by Jason and Bill, it was agreed that there is no reason to publish the draft prior to the official public comment period.
 - Jason indicated that Ralph Mitchell wants the language reinserted indicating that local communities are not allowed to prohibit bicycles in their communities. However, this draft regulation is tied to the statute regarding bicycling safety equipment and is not allowed to regulate local bicycling regulations.
 - Ann had inquired whether KBBC members were in agreement with the drafted regulation. Since there was agreement on the previous two issues, Jason can let Ann know that KBBC members are in agreement.
- KBBC web page:
 - The KBBC web page was initially hosted by Southeast Telephone Company in Lexington as a public service. The company has now been sold and has notified KBBC that they no longer wish to host the page. Bill noted that, although Katie volunteered to maintain the page, it turned out to be more of a job than she had expected.
 - Randy suggested that KBBC needs a web page but needs to consider the cost of hosting and the cost of maintaining the page. He said that Bluegrass Cycling uses Facebook but not everybody has access to it so the club also uses a web page. Jason noted that Facebook does not allow uploading an editable document.
 - Bill asked that discussion of the status and future of the web page be placed on the agenda for the KBBC Saturday working meeting.
- Assignments:
 - Bill: contact Parks, the Governor's Office and Adventure Tourism
 - Jason: contact Melanie for a speaker from Greenup County, draft the press release for the conference, update the agenda, contact Parks about sponsorship opportunity for Friday lunch
 - Randy: contact Rodney Hendrickson of London, find out if there are any legislators involved with the Dawkins Line Trail who would like to present, contact Sam Dick to present on safety
 - Lynn: let Troy know he is making a presentation, set up registration page, find out if a phone is available for the Thursday afternoon session
 - Troy: work with KYTC Public Affairs to send out conference notification/invitation/press release. Email to the listserv should go out by the end of the week of October 14th.
- Items for Saturday agenda:
 - Nye grant brochures and application forms
 - Status and future of the KBBC web page

The meeting was dismissed at 11 am.